HOUSING

Call 2-1-1

for a list of available housing

FOOD

Call 2-1-1

for detailed information and screening.

AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES 1-800-510-2020

Reentry Programs (Mentoring)

UAAMAC

619-264-1213

SECOND CHANCE

619-234-8888

UNITED METHODIST URBAN MINISTRY (METRO)

619-285-5556

RE-ENTRY PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRY

619-482-7258

Dial 2-1-1, it's the link to health and social services referrals in San Diego County



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YOU SUCCEED AND BE HEALTHY

- 1. Find safe and stable housing.
- 2. Find a stable source of food.
- 3. Figure out and get transportation.
- Get important documents: birth certificate, social security card, ID card or driver's license.
- Call 2-1-1 to see if you qualify for medical coverage and food stamp assistance.
- 6. Go to a career center or program for resume or job resources.
- 7. Clear up child support and legal issues.
- 8. Take care of medical needs: prescriptions, glasses, physical examination, HIV/STD/Hepatitis testing and treatment.
- 9. Attend community support meetings (AA, NA, and/or local faith based organizations).
- 10. Get social support through a program for reentrants.

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

– Milton Berle



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Success doesn't come to you... you go to it.

- Marva Collins



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Hotlines

FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY 9-1-1

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 619-584-1007 619-491-1984 (En Español) 800-479-0062 (Toll-free)

> **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 619-265-8762

ADULT ABUSE HOTLINE 619-476-6266

CALIFORNIA POISON CONTROL SYSTEM SAN DIEGO DIVISION 1-800-222-1222

CALIFORNIA SMOKERS' HELPLINE 1-800-NO-BUTTS (1-800-662-8887)

> **CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE** 1-858-560-2191

HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING 619-296-2120

MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY SCREENING UNIT 619-421-6900

MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS AND CRISIS LINE (ADOLESCENT AND ADULT) 1-800-479-3339

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE 1-888-DVLINKS (1-888-385-4657)

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE 1-800-273-8255

TRANSITION TIPS

Reentry can be both exciting and frustrating! Your attitude toward release from prison is that it should be a simple matter of getting resettled, resuming routines, and reestablishing your relationships; but reality proves there is much more to it than that.

Here is a list of tips to consider that can help you go through the transition process:

- 1. Mentally prepare for the adjustment process. Be prepared for anything!
- 2. Give yourself permission to ease into the transition. Allow yourself time to get used to the new environment.
- 3. Give yourself time. You'll need time to relax and think about what is going on around you, how you are reacting to it, and what you might like to change.
- 4. Understand that what was once familiar will seem different. You have changed; home has changed. You will see familiar people, places, and behaviors from a new point of view.
- 5. Expect to do some "cultural catching up." Clothes, trends, language, and more have changed, too!
- Reserve judgments. Hold back all judgments of others, especially negative judgments; just as you would like to have others reserve judgments of you. Resist the desire to make snap decisions.
- 7. Expect mood swings. It is entirely possible for you to feel extremely happy one

"Act as though it is impossible to fail." - Anonymous

moment and completely defeated a short time later. It's okay; it is a part of the process.

- 8. Allow enough time for reflection and selfanalysis. Your best analysis of an event is likely to take place after allowing time for reflection.
- 9. Respond to inquiries thoughtfully and carefully. Prepare to greet surprise questions with a calm, thoughtful approach. If you find yourself being overly defensive or aggressive, take a deep breath and relax.
- 10. Seek support networks. Don't isolate yourself!

http://www.fairshake.net Modified from FairShake Reentry Resource Center

Important Documents

CALIFORNIA ID/DRIVERS LICENS 1-800-777-0133 **SOCIAL SECURITY CARD** 1-800-772-1213

Financial/Job Assistance **CAREER CENTERS** 619-516-2200

Child Support and Lega